

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the enclosed IDS, Form PTO-1449, are submitted for consideration by the Examiner during examination of the Present Application. This IDS should be considered because it is submitted before the issuance of a First Office Communication. A copy of the non-U.S. references (and a translation thereof) are enclosed. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.104, no representation is made that a reference cited in the IDS is “prior art” within the meaning of 35 USC §§ 102, 103, and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that any such reference is not “prior art.” Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed in the IDS is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449, marked as being considered, to the undersigned with the next Office Communication.

- A. U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS.
 - U.S. Patent No. 5,063,974. Buckwitz *et al.* 12 November 1991.
 - U.S. Patent Application No. 09/921,693 (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0052179). Dickinson *et al.* 20 December 2001.
- B. INTERNATIONAL PATENT DOCUMENTS.
 - Japanese Patent No. 59-105509. Mitsubishi Electric Corp. 18 June 1984.
 - Japanese Utility Model Patent No. 2004-049352 (Japanese Utility Model Publication No. H06-10803). 10 February 1994.
 - Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-299907 (Japanese Publication No. H06-47977). Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. 22 February 1994.
- C. NON-PATENT DOCUMENT.
 - International Search Report for PCT/US2003/0027670. 02 November 2004.